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Dear NOSB Livestock Committee,

I am writing to voice my support for the NOSB Livestock Committee's Recommendations on Pasture Requirements for the National Organic Program. As an organic farmer, I understand that these recommendations align with the organic farming principals to which I subscribe. I want these standards to stay strict, and I want to see them enforced. These pasturing requirements are fair and flexible enough to accommodate farmers in other regions. They allow sufficient room for extenuating circumstances. I regularly meet with organic consumers and do that confidently because I know I'm delivering them a top product. When the consumer is paying a premium price, we had better deliver them a premium product, and that will happen only when we stay tough and stay with the original intent of the NOP. Keep the animals out of confinement and on pasture!!!